Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Community health centers are a key component of South Dakota's health care system, delivering high quality, cost-effective, and accessible primary care regardless of patients' insurance coverage or ability to pay; and,

Whereas, Community health centers deliver patient-centered primary and preventive health services that can help lower health care costs by reducing the number of expensive specialty or emergency room visits; and,

Whereas, Community health centers not only meet patients' health care needs but also assist with transportation, eligibility assistance, and case management; and,

Whereas, Community health centers create jobs and help support local economies, making them a valuable asset and economic engine for the communities they serve; and,

Whereas, Community health centers are locally controlled by patient-majority boards and are responsive to local community needs; and,

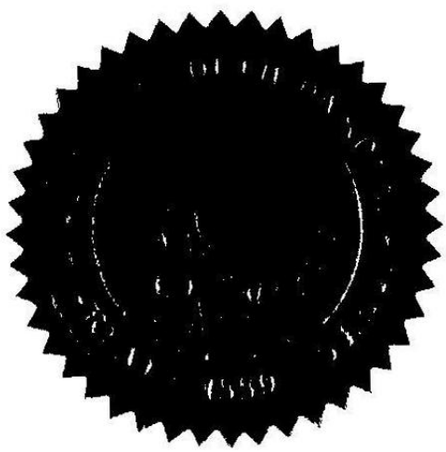
Whereas, There are 44 community health centers sites across South Dakota, serving 58,003 patients; and,

Whereas, National Health Center Week is observed each year to recognize America's health centers for delivering vital primary care services to help keep individuals and communities healthy and productive:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 5-11, 2012, as

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State